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Libertarians "Break In" Watergate Office

WASHINGTON, DC -- Following in the footsteps of the Republicans, the Libertarian Party has snuck into the Watergate Office Building.

"Except, we've done it legally," said Libertarian Party National Director Perry Willis.

This weekend, the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. will hold an Open House to formally inaugurate its new national headquarters in the famous Watergate complex in Washington, DC.

"This is the building where, 22 years ago, Richard Nixon almost destroyed the Republican Party. Our goal is to move in and try to finish that job," quipped Willis.

The move to the Watergate marks the latest sign of growth for the Libertarian Party. Over the past year the party has increased its contributor base by more than 25%, voter registrations by almost 10%, and has elected a record number of Libertarians to public office.

"The move to the prestigious Watergate is more evidence that the Libertarian Party is moving into the big leagues of American politics," said Willis.

"Watergate also holds a special place in the hearts of Libertarians," explained Willis. "It is the lasting symbol of the downfall of Richard Nixon -- the politician who inspired the formation of our party in 1971. The Watergate scandal also signaled the beginning of the public's disenchantment with the two older parties. We plan to capitalize on that disenchantment in 1996."

The Libertarian Party has announced plans to run more than 1,000 candidates for public office in 1996, including more than 218 Congressional candidates.

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